(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) A statement is annexed *(See* below).

(c) Proposed Ninth Plan Outlays for exploration & production activities are as under:—

ONGC : Rs. 18927.18 crore OIL : Rs. 2672.42 crore

(d) and (e) ONGC and OIL are par ticipating in the Hydrocarbon exploration programme.

Statement

1. Oil and Natural Gas Commission

Activity	Unit	Proposed 9th Plan Target
2D Seismic Survey	GLK	42178
3D Seismic Survey	GLK	320598
Exploratory Drilling	WELLS	745
Development	WELLS	852
Oil Production	MMT	144.894
Gas Production	BCM	119.04
2. Oil India Limited		
2D Seismic Survey	SLKGLK	14300
3D Seismic Survey	Sq. Km.	1196
Exploratory Drilling	000' Mts	328.5
Development	000' Mts	457
Oil Production	MMT	16.460
Gas Production	BCM	11.56

GLK : Ground Line Kilometer
SLK : Standard Line Kilometer
MMT : Million tonnes
BCM : Billion Cubic Meter

Depressed Global Oil Market

1201. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Economic times, dated the 20th November, 1998 under the caption "depressed global oil market staggers off 12 year low"

(b) if so, the financial impact on India's foreign exchange expenditure on oil imports in the depressed market;

(c) whether huge gains have accrued to India;

(d) whether any effort has been made to reduce diesel and petrol prices in India; and

(e) if not, the reasons for not passing on the gains to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The value of crude oil and petroleum products imported during 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 is as under:

Value: Rs/Crores

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98*
Crude oil	11517.00	18538.19	15897.15
POL products	12577.85	15633.49	12431.92
TOTAL	24094.85	34171.68	28329.07

*Provisional.

The actual imports during ApriNSep-tember 1998 (Provisional) *vis-a-vis* the prorata original Oil Economy Budget (OEB) for the current financial year (Provisional) are as under:

	Actual (April-1998)*	Prorata OEB	1997-98* Sept.,
Quantity (MMT)	27.443	30.1095	53.093

*Provisional

(d) and (e) The Government had decided that the price of HSD would be on import parity basis and would be normally fixed on a monthly basis. In line with this decision, the ex-storage point price of HSD has been revised effective

November 7, 1997, December 25, 1997, March 1, 1998, April 4, 1998 and May 20, 1998 as follows:

With effect from	Ex-Storage point price (excluding Excise duty etc.) Rs/ KL	Change Rs/KL
07.11.97	7918.04	(-) 456.83
25.12.97	7996.84	(+) 78.80
01.03.98	7839.24	(-) 157.60
04.04.9S	7645.47	(-) 193.77
20.05.98	7536.89	(-) 108.58

Price of other Petroleum Products such as Naphtha, LSHS, FO and Bitumen are being fixed by Oil Companies on market consideration. The benefit of decline in international prices has been passed on the Indian consumers.

Demurrage Costs on Petroleum Products

1202. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that demurrage costs on petroleum products comprising mainly diesel rose from Rs. 8 crores in 1985-86 to Rs. 181.8 crores in 1994-95;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith demurrage costs on petroleum products during the last three years;

(c) whether the international division of the Indian Oil Corporation is continuing to import diesel even though it is well known that there is no storage space at the country's ports; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The demurrage cost on petroleum products imported during 1985-86 and 1994-95 was as under:—

1995-96 — Rs. 8.03 crores
I994.95 _ Rs 187.87 crores

(b) The details of demurrage cost on petroleum products during last three years arc as under:—

1995-96 — Rs. 369.3 crores
1996-97 — Rs. 565.7 crores
1997-98 — Rs. 448.8 crores

(c) and (d) The last bulk purchases of Diesel against monthly tender were done on 14.8.1998 and there have been no bulk purchases of Diesel thereafter. No Diesel imports have been firmed up under Term Tender for the period bey ond December, 1998.

Withdrawal by Oil Major Royal Shell from Joint Venture

1203. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil Major Royal Shell has pulled out of the proposed Rs. 10.000 crores Joint Venture Project with Bharat Petroleum in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so. Government's reaction in respect thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) First stage approval was accorded to the proposal of BPCL in May 1997 for setting up a 7 MMTPA capacity refinery in Uttar Pradesh as a Joint Venture with M/s. Shell International Petroleum Company Limited (Shell). Preparation of the Detailed Feasibility Report (DFR) was ac-cordingly taken up jointly by BPCL and Shell. However, in July 1998 Shell indicated that they were withdrawing from the project and have since not thereafter participated in the preparation of DFR. BPCL has since prepared the DFR and submitted it to Government.